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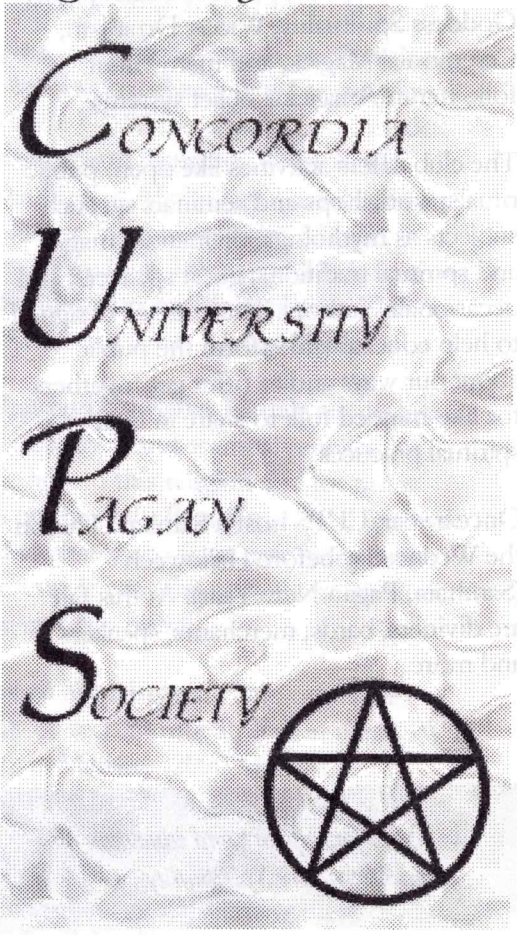
CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY
PAGAN SOCIETY

*Religious Diversity & Freedom*



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Concordia University Pagan Society (CUPS) is a group of students and non-students who follow various Pagan paths: Goddess Spirituality, Wicca, Druidism, Ceremonial Magick, and many other folk/nature/magickal belief systems.

The club offers activities like open/public rituals; workshops and seminars on such subjects as mythology, divination, magic, and spiritual traditions; guest speakers; and occasionally authors. These are all designed to help educate and inform the public about our ways and to offer get-togethers for like-minded folk to share in their spiritual practices.

Once a year, CUPS host a Samhain Fair on the Wednesday before Halloween (Samhain, Pagan New Year). At this fair are diviners, bards, merchants, speakers and more.

*CUPS… for support and education of Alternative Spirituality.*

## WHAT DO PAGANS DO?

It is so diverse that it is hard to say…. In North America, Pagans usually celebrate eight festivals (Sabbats: Yule, Samhain, Candlemas, Ostara, Beltaine, Litha, Lammas and Mabon) and honor the Moon at Esbats rituals. Every tradition is different, with its own style and cultural values. These differences make Paganism a rich religion!

## EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

**Paganism 101 Series** is a series of seminars and workshops organized by DragonMoone and led by CUPS members. These include: Introduction to Paganism, Religion and Ethics, History, Mythology, Deities, Sabbats and Esbats, Psychology Behind Magic, Tools, Stone Lore, Divination, Herb Lore, Spellcrafting, Energy Manipulation, Elements of Rituals and Coven/Group Work.

**Sabbat and/or Esbat Rituals** are designed for celebration and spiritual practice for those new to this religion and for those long on the path. Bring feast food (potluck food to share) and feast gear (your own plate, cup & utensils) to every ritual. Also bring an open mind!

**General Meetings** are held on the last Friday of each month at 7pm in the SGW Campus Ministry (2090 McKay, Chaplaincy Building) for about an hour or two. Club decisions and planning sessions go on at these meetings, as does meeting new members and informing them of what the club offers.

## MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to everyone, especially undergraduates of Concordia University.

To become a member, come to the General Meeting on the last Friday of every month or subscribe to our e-list.

## CLUB ROOM

We have a fantastic clubroom with a library and access to tea and coffee! Come ask any questions, leave a note in our box, pick up a copy of Tidings, or hang out.

**Office GT:**
The second Sunday of every month (2pm), there will be a clubroom GT (get-together)… often with a theme. Come hang out with like-minded friends!

## WEBSITE & ELIST

You can find a link to the clubs website at: www.mtl-magicalcircle.com

You can also join our yahoogroups elist: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/cupagans

**Call (514) 848-7441**

*May you never thirst but for knowledge.*
*May you never hunger but for wisdom.*
*Autumn (Triskelem Crow Moon Coven, BFC)*

## WHAT IS PAGANISM?

The word "Pagan" comes from the Latin word **paganus**, which means country dweller. In the Middle Ages, the Christians labeled the religions of the country-folk as paganism. Today, Paganism represents any folk/nature religion… such as Wicca, Shamanism, Druidism, Goddess Spirituality and any other earth-based religion or philosophy.

## WHAT DO PAGANS BELIEVE?

Lots of things! Pagans believe that everything is divine (plants, animals, people, trees, rocks, water, etc.). Essentially, everything is considered sacred.

Some believe in a single deity, while some believe in a God and Goddess, and still others embrace a whole pantheon of deities!

Many Pagans follow the Wiccan Rede: An' it harm none, do what you will. This implies that Pagans have to freedom to believe, act, be, do whatever they want so long as they harm no one and nothing (including themselves) in their freedom. Another rule followed is the Karmic Law of Return (called the three-fold law) which states that everything that you do and your intentions will return to you… often three-fold.

***Fall Office Hours:***

To Be Announced

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